

A RESOLUTION to acknowledge and commend Mr. Wilbur C. “Webb” Morris for his outstanding service to the people of the state of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly wish to acknowledge and commend Mr. Wilbur C. “Webb” Morris for his dedicated and professional service to the people of the great state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for over three decades, Webb Morris has served several areas of state government with distinction and considerable dexterity, most recently holding the position of Assistant Commissioner of Labor over the Labor Standards Division, Boiler and Elevator Division, and Mines Division; and

WHEREAS, as assistant commissioner, Mr. Morris has worked diligently to ensure that 2.4 million working Tennesseans have the right to work under safe conditions, with fair pay and just treatment by employers; and

WHEREAS, under his sagacious leadership, the divisions under his charge have completely and responsibly administered rules and regulations pertaining to child labor, wage earners, and prevailing wages for state construction projects; executed the training and education of miners, mine owners, and operators; and protected the general public, owners, and users from the hazards of boiler and pressure vessels and elevators; and

WHEREAS, since 1960, Mr. Morris has promoted and protected the development of a most precious resource: the Tennessee worker; and

WHEREAS, after his valiant service with the United States Naval Air Corps and thirteen years of employment in the private sector, Mr. Morris came to the Tennessee Department of

Labor as Director of the Factory and Elevator Division and served in that capacity for eleven years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris continued to serve the interests of the public as Director of Codes Administration for Metropolitan Davidson County, then returned to state government as an administrative aide to the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris rejoined state government in 1975, working with the Tennessee Department of Employment Security as area coordinator, after which he joined Motlow State Community College as their JTPA program coordinator; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the Department of Labor was fortunate when Mr. Morris came on board, demonstrating the knowledge and competence that is desired in an assistant commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris has further shown a commitment to his profession and to the workers of this state through his participation in numerous professional associations, including the International Association of Personnel in Employment, National Society of Elevator Safety Officials, American Society of Safety Engineers, National Association of Elevator Contractors, Southeastern Employment and Training Association, and the Metro Nashville Employee Safety Board; and

WHEREAS, he has donated his time and considerable talents as chairman of the United Way, and the State Employee Charity Fund, and 1993-1994 Bond Drive for the Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris has had the opportunity to share his many successes with his wonderful wife, Dot, five loving children, fourteen grandchildren, and ten great- grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, through his dedicated efforts over the last 36 years, Mr. Morris has earned the reputation of being a highly competent public administrator and has gained the respect and admiration of all those who have had occasion to deal with him, and has contributed greatly to the enhancement of the welfare of Tennessee's workers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Mr. Wilbur "Webb" Morris on his 36 years of outstanding service to Tennessee and wish him much happiness in his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Morris with this final resolving clause deleted from such copy.